

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2010, the application has been carefully reviewed and amended. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application is respectively requested. Claims 10 - 13 are pending in the application. Claim 10 has been amended to more particularly claim the invention described. New claims 14 and 15 have been introduced.

A newly signed Oath is also being submitted which is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a).

Rejections under 35 USC 103:

Claims 10 – 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 6,535,712 B2 (Richards) combined with WO 00/79346 A1 (Levy).

Richards discloses a gloss system having a disposable cartridge 200 and heat rollers 328 that can apply a gloss layer to a fused or unfused image on a printing medium supplied by an imaging system 290. (Col. 8, Lines 45 – 65). In this system, the cartridge 200 applies clear toner to the receiver and heat rolls 328 are “used for fixing the clear toner transferred on the printing sheet” (Col. 8, Lines 45 – 65). The heat rolls 328 can also be used to fuse any unfused toner on a printing medium as is discussed in detail with respect to FIG. 4 which illustrates an embodiment wherein fuser rolls for the color toner have been deleted and both the color toners applied at developers 102 and the clear toner applied at cartridge 200 are fused at the same time at fuser rolls 328. (Col. 10, lines 24 – 28). Similarly, it will be appreciated that in each of the illustrated methods shown in Figs. 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Richards, the final step is fusing.

Richards, in one embodiment, appears to provide a clear application unit 406 that uses ink jet technology to apply liquid *toner* to the receiver. This is described generally at Col. 9, lines 1 – 25, which state in pertinent part:

Reference is now made to FIG. 1b, which schematically shows a printing system according to the invention. A toner system 400 comprises a print station 401 with one more color toner application units 402, 403, 404, 405.

Media 408 is passed by the color toner application units along media path 408 by appropriate media transport structure 409. Optionally, the toner application units may be moved or passed across a stationary media by appropriate apparatus, either separately or together. The color toner application units may be present in any number, but are usually one for a monochrome printer, and three or four for a multicolor printer. Instead of multiple application units, a single multichambered color application unit may be used instead. For monochrome systems, the toner is usually black, and for multi-color, the toners are usually cyan, magenta, yellow, or these same three with black. The color application units may be electrophotographic, or inkjet (piezoelectric or thermal), and color toners may be liquid or solid.

A clear application unit 406 applies a clear toner upon the media over the color image applied by the color application units. The clear application unit 406 may be the same type as or a different type from the color application units, and may also be electrophotographic, or inkjet (piezoelectric or thermal), and the clear toner may be liquid or solid.

Accordingly, the clear application unit 406 as disclosed can use any of a number of available technologies to apply a clear *toner, not an ink*, to a receiver. Such a clear toner must be fixed or fused and as such toner ultimately will be fused either by fuser 295 or by heated rollers 328.

For these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the cited combination does not teach or suggest a system wherein a second printing unit applies ink that contains an aromatic substance after fusing of the toner on the receiver is completed. It will be appreciated that the heat of fusing can disrupt the delicate balance of aromatic emissions that form many fragrances.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned counsel for the purpose of

discussing such amendments and expediting prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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